THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (a) & (b) Three persons have undergone partial training as Revenue Inspectors in Tiruchirappalli district. Two of these persons are on medical leave and the other is under suspension pending disposal of certain grave charges against him. There is therefore, no question of facilities not having been offered to them."

" (c) No."

Collection of sales-tax in the South Arcot district in **1952–53.**

* 226 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amount of sales-tax collected for the turnover that took place in South Arcot district during 1952–53 and the amount spent to maintain the staff for the abovesaid period?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" The sales-tax levied on the turn over of sales in the South Arcot district in 1952–53 was Rs. 27,25,488. Out of this a sum of Rs. 24,05,650 was collected in the year. The amount spent towards pay of staff, etc., employed in the district for the administration of all the Commercial Taxes was Rs. 1,54,488–5–1 for that year."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" மற்ற மாவட்டங்களோடு ஒப்பிட்டுப் பார்க்கும்போது இந்த மாவட்டங்களின் நிலை எந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I have just now been appraised of the situation in South Arcot but I will compare it later."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what exactly is the amount collected under this head in the year before? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I want notice, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that there is large evasion of taxes in South Arcot? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Probably the hon. Member draws that conclusion from the fact that there is evasion in the matter of Prohibition. I do not think so."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know, why from day-to-day, South Arcot is being attacked by one hon. Member after another? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Well, it is not a question of attack. Hon. Members are so much interested in South Arcot that they put a number of questions."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Does the collection of this year show surplus or deficit as against last year? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"There is certainly a vast surplus over the expenses but as regards the collection, compared to this year and the previous year, I have no idea."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR:—"கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விற்பனை வரியைப் பற்றிக் கேட்கின்றபோது, தென் ஆற்காட்டில் குடிப்பதைப் பற்றிப் பேசுகிறார்கள். இவ்வாறு நடப்பதற்கு காரணம் அதிகாரிகளின் குறையே, அஜாக்கிரதையே காரணமல்லவா? பொதுமக்கள் மீது குறை சொல்லி என்ன பிரயோஜனம்?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"இது சரியான கேள்வி அல்ல. இதை இப்போது கேட்கக்கூடாது."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I do not know, how the hon. Member is warranted in drawing that conclusion. He is entirely wrong."

Memorandum from the staff of Panoor P.C.C. Society.

* 227 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Collector of Malabar has received a memorandum, dated 10th September 1953, from the members of the staff of Panoor P.C.C. Society, North Malabar, requesting the Government to give preference to the unemployed and retrenched P.C.C. Society staff whenever Government appoint persons to services like District Boards, Panchayat Boards, Municipalities, Firka Development Department, Co-operative Department and Community Projects, etc.; and, if so, what action Government have taken on the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"No such memorandum has been received by the Collector of Malabar."

MR. SPEAKER :—"I extend the question-hour by five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Defalcation in the South Kanara District Treasury.

* 228 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 10 a.m.

(*a*) the total amount found involved in the South Kanara District Treasury defalcation;

(*b*) the period over which such defalcation had been going on;

(*c*) the total amount recovered by the Government; and

(*d*) what steps the Government have taken to recover the balance, if any?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"(*a*) The total amount of defalcation is Rs. 3,25,137.

"(*b*) The defalcation was going on since February 1947.